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| Application of: John E. Johnson | : | Examiner: David J. Parsley |
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AMENDMENT C

Under 37 CFR 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 19, 2005, please amend the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.111 in accordance with the amendments and remarks as set forth herein.

INTRODUCTION

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Claims 1-18 stand rejected. The applicant hereby submits the following amendments and/or remarks, which are fully responsive to the Office Action. The applicant respectfully asserts that the claims are in condition for allowance. Please enter the amendments as indicated herein.

The Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 9 of this document.

Amendments to the Drawing begin on page 10 and as reflected in the attachment.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this document.